Use of English B2

A Write one word in each gap

THE GREAT BRITISH SEASIDE

What (**1**) ..... the phrase 'the great British seaside' bring to mind? Most people, if asked to respond (**2**) ..... the top of their heads, associate (**3**) ..... on holiday to places such as Blackpool or Torquay with poor weather, old, faded attractions and a low standard of accommodation. These days, when people are more likely to go abroad to (**4**) ..... the sights, traditional British seaside towns (**5**) ..... suffering from an image problem. Now, finally, some of the resorts (**6**) .....decided to bring their images up to date in the hope that a (**7**) ..... of direction will bring back the tourists. Many will need a lot of convincing, but those that (**8**) ..... come will find that today's Blackpool differs quite a bit (**9**) ..... the picture postcard past.

After years of neglect, Blackpool has to work hard to catch (**10**) ..... with foreign destinations but that's precisely what it (**11**) ..... doing. It's the first time so much (**12**) ..... happened to improve the place in such a short time. A massive building project, including a new casino and indoor entertainment centre, (**13**) ..... that rainy days are no longer a problem. And it appears (**14**) ..... be working. As the tourists start to make (**15**) ..... the bright lights of Blackpool once again, it seems that the great British seaside has a bright future ahead.

B Complete the sentences by changing the form of the word in capitals when this is necessary.

16 I've always wanted to be a travel ..... (**PHOTOGRAPH**) and take pictures of exotic places.

17 None of us were sure which ..... (**DIRECT**) to go in, so we got out the map.

18 Since I was here five years ago, Delhi has changed so much that it's practically ..... (**RECOGNISE**).

19 Once we got to the station, I quickly looked through the ..... (**TIME**) to see when the next train was.

20 I've got a cousin at university who is studying ..... (**TOUR**) and hopes to open a hotel.

21 As we got closer to the Amazonian village, the ..... (**INHABIT**) came out to meet us.

22 The ..... (**ARRIVE**) of Flight 472 from Amsterdam has been delayed by one hour.

C Complete each second sentence using the word given, so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Write between two and five words in each gap.

23 As soon as we got on the plane, the pilot told us to get off again. **just**
We ..... the plane when the pilot told us to get off again.

24 We arrived in Budapest two days ago. **for**
We ..... two days.

25 I visited Paris once before. **second**
This is the ..... Paris.

26 I find it hard to go at the same speed as my husband on walking holidays. **up**
I find it hard to ..... my husband on walking holidays.

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27 Joan has always been very fond of travelling and has been everywhere. **keen**
Joan has always been very ..... and has been everywhere.

28 We drove away as fast as we could, ready to begin our adventure. **full**
We drove away ....., ready to begin our adventure.

29 As the storm started, we went towards the old house. **direction**
As the storm started, we went ..... the old house.

30 I'm sorry I didn't look at the hotel room before I booked it. **regret**
I ..... the hotel room before I booked it.

D Choose the correct answer.

31 Our next door neighbour ..... his car every Sunday.
A is washing
B washes
C has washed
D is wash

32 Last summer, I ..... to the beach almost every day.
A went
B was going
C have been
D have been going

33 'Whose is this plane ticket on the floor?'
'Oh, it ..... to me. Thank you.'
A is belonging
B belongs
C has belonged
D belonged

34 'I'm really tired of travelling so much.'
'I thought you ..... a bit quiet.'
A were seeming
B have seemed
C have been seeming
D seemed

35 'You look thoughtful.'
'I ..... about our holiday last year.'
A just think
B had just thought
C am just think
D was just thinking

36 'You went to Chile, didn't you?'
'No, but I ..... to Peru, which is right next door.'
A had gone
B was gone
C did go
D was going

E Choose the correct answer.

37 Three people were captured at the ..... today trying to get into the country.
A line C border
B equator D edge

38 There's a fantastic ..... from the top of the Empire State Building!
A view C appearance
B sight D look

39 Once we get to the hotel, let's just ..... quickly and then do a bit of sightseeing.
A set down C check in
B make up D turn up

40 I'm going to ask for directions because I think we've ..... our way.
A missed C mistaken
B misplaced D lost

41 We usually do go by train, even though the car ..... is a lot quicker.
A travel C trip
B journey D voyage

42 Passengers requiring a special meal during the flight should inform the airline in ..... .
A ahead C advance
B front D forward

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